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The U.S. Veterans Administration (V.A.) no longer appears to be committed to preserving its West Los Angeles properties for direct veterans services, its historic buildings and its open spaces as promised by former V.A. Secretary Anthony Principi. The current C.A.R.E.S. advisory committee is dominated by real estate and facilities experts, while only one community representative and one area elected official have been invited to participate. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the V.A. is once again considering privatizing its West Los Angeles lands through sale or leases for purposes unrelated to the direct provision of veterans' services as previously promised.

Once federal lands are privatized, they come under the jurisdiction of local zoning laws and regulations. The West Los Angeles Veterans Administration is in unincorporated Los Angeles County whose zoning is very restrictive and would not permit the level of development that has been contemplated by the V.A. In this regard, the County needs to protect the integrity of its zoning if the V.A. seeks to circumvent those regulations by leasing rather than selling its lands.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the County Counsel be instructed to analyze the County's legal options in insuring that its zoning ordinances at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration be protected and respected; and

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I FURTHER MOVE that the County Counsel be authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to oppose any development that is inconsistent with the County's zoning on the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration properties.

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